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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Congressional Affairs
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation Limiting Diplomatic
Immunity

1. Chief of Protocol Selwa Roosevelt called this afternoon relative to her testimony yesterday before Senator Helms. Senator Helms has a bill which would significantly limit immunity of diplomats in the United States from charges of criminal violation. She fears that there is a substantial anti-diplomatic sentiment today because of the number of victims of crimes by diplomats and is concerned that this proposal may gather steam. She felt confident that we would not want to find ourselves exposed in other countries who might retaliate for such legislation.

2. Ms. Roosevelt is going to send over the full text of her testimony. I believe she is looking for some support on the Hill from us.

3. Do you know anything about this? What is your recommendation?


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